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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, after line 20, please insert the following paragraph:

-- FIG. 5 is a flowchart demonstrating a second specific network transacting method unique to another illustrative embodiment. --

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-- Figure 5 is a more detailed illustration of an exemplary embodiment of a network transacting method using a data processing system in which a plurality of terminal units, each having at least a data inputting function, a data outputting function and a data communicating function, are connected to a communication network for interchanging data with each other. In this embodiment, a trader presents a purchase offer for an intellectual property or an industrial property (step S21). The trader actuates his or her terminal unit to accept a sale offer for the industrial property or the intellectual property which is received from a seller via the communication network (step S22). When the property is determined to be an industrial property (step S23), the trader actuates the terminal unit to see whether the industrial property and the seller are licit (step S24). When the industrial property and the seller are licit, the trader purchases the industrial property from the seller (step S25) and registers a transfer of ownership of the industrial property from the seller to the trader (step 26).

In step S 23, if it is determined that the property is not industrial property, and so is intellectual property, the trader purchases the intellectual property from the seller (step S 27) and files an application for a patent on the intellectual property in the Patent Office (step S28). The trader then actuates the terminal unit to register information relating to the

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industrial property or the intellectual property such that the information can be browsed via the communication network (step S29).

As in the Figure 4 embodiment, the trader's terminal unit is actuated to present a sale offer for the industrial property or the intellectual property to a buyer (step S30), and if a purchase offer is accepted, the terminal unit is actuated to accept the purchase offer (step S31). The trader then sell the industrial property or the intellectual property to the buyer (step S32) and submits a record of a transfer of ownership of the industrial property or the intellectual property from the trader to the buyer at the Patent Office (step S33) The method then ends.

If it is determined in step S22 that the sale offer is not accepted, or if it is determined in step S24 that the industrial property or the seller are not licit, then the method returns to step S21. Likewise, in step S31, if the purchase offer is not accepted, the method returns to step S21. - -